

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 5-14, as follows:

An operating system runs on processor 302 and is used to coordinate and provide control of various components within data processing system 300 in Figure 3. The operating system may be a commercially available operating system, such as WINDOWS ~~Windows~~ XP, which is available from Microsoft Corporation. An object oriented programming system such as JAVA ~~[[Java]]~~ may run in conjunction with the operating system and provide calls to the operating system from JAVA ~~[[Java]]~~ programs or applications executing on data processing system 300. "JAVA" ~~"Java"~~ is a trademark of Sun Microsystems, Inc. Instructions for the operating system, the object-oriented programming system, and applications or programs are located on storage devices, such as hard disk drive 326, and may be loaded into main memory 304 for execution by processor 302.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 16-21, as follows:

~~More information about ICT and Broadcast Suite is available from~~
~~<http://community.ngi.ibm.com/index.html>. In addition, some~~ Some aspects of the ICT and Broadcast Suite are described in co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/207,711, entitled "Interactive Filtering Electronic Messages 20 Received from a Publication/Subscription Service", filed on July 26, 2002, published on January 29, 2004 as U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0019645A1, and hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 16-21, as follows:

Individuals make use of ICT by subscribing to a list of "communities." One community, called "everyone", is the catch-all community to which virtually everyone using ICT subscribes. One may select a more focused community to send alerts only to users who have explicitly subscribed to a particular topic. These communities include specific subject matter, such as JAVA ~~[[Java]]~~ programming, specific locations such as users in a given locale, or miscellaneous topics such as "water cooler" (meaning non-work-related).